

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AES NEWENERGY, INC., :
Plaintiff :
: Civil Action No. 02-CV-2733
v. :
: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
POWERWEB TECHNOLOGIES, INC., :
Defendant. :
:

ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, AND COUNTERCLAIMS

Powerweb Technologies, Inc. (“Powerweb”) hereby responds to the Amended Complaint filed by AES NewEnergy, Inc. (“NewEnergy”) as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. Admitted.

THE PARTIES

2. Powerweb is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph, and therefore those averments are denied.

3. Powerweb is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph, and therefore those averments are denied.

4. The first and third sentences of this paragraph are admitted, but the remaining averments are denied.

RELEVANT FACTS

5. Denied.

6. It is admitted that the facts stated in subparagraphs a. through d. are true, but the remaining averments of this paragraph are denied.

7. It is denied that Powerweb is A-Valley's subsidiary, but the remaining averments of this paragraph are admitted.

8. It is denied that NewEnergy's characterization of Powerweb's Omni-Link product is accurate, but the remaining averments of this paragraph are admitted.

9. It is admitted only that the Joint-Venture Agreement provides:

Powerweb will be responsible for:

(i) creation of a detailed project implementation plan, schedule and cost analysis

(ii) turnkey Design Engineer Procure Construct (EPC) of an Omni-Link system

(iii) post installation software and hardware maintenance of the Omni-Link system

10. It is admitted only that the Joint-Venture Agreement provides:

NEE agrees to fund project development costs of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for Powerweb to create a detailed project implementation plan, schedule and investment analysis of an Omni-Link application at Bell Atlantic. NEE will deposit the funds with Powerweb within ten (10) business days after execution of this agreement. Allocation and use of the funds will be subject to the sole approval of NEE in advance.

11. Denied. It is admitted only that the Joint-Venture Agreement provides:

If Bell Atlantic does not proceed with the project [sic] unused funds will be allocated to joint development of other opportunities. These development funds will be repaid from the first project payments made by Bell Atlantic to either PWT or to NEE. The specific form of repayment will be determined and agreed upon with both parties before final contract negotiations with Bell Atlantic.

12. Admitted.

13. Denied.

14. Denied.

15. Denied.

16. Denied.

17. Denied.

18. Denied.

19. It is admitted only that on or about March 1, 2002, more than 2 years after the parties entered into the joint-venture, NewEnergy made a written demand for the return of the \$100,000 that Powerweb had spent on designing and engineering the Bell Atlantic project.

20. It is admitted only that Powerweb has rightfully refused to return to NewEnergy the costs associated with the detailed project implementation plan for the Bell Atlantic project. The remaining averments in this paragraph are denied as legal conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT

21. Powerweb incorporates here by reference its answers to paragraphs 1 through 20, as if set forth in full.

22. Admitted.

23. Denied.

24. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against NewEnergy, and award Powerweb its costs of suit and such other relief as this Court deems proper.

COUNT II - UNJUST ENRICHMENT

25. Powerweb incorporates here by reference its answers to paragraphs 1 through 24, as if set forth in full.

26. Denied.

27. Denied as stated. It is admitted only that the Joint-Venture Agreement provides:

NEE agrees to fund project development costs of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for Powerweb to create a detailed project implementation plan, schedule and investment analysis of an Omni-Link application at Bell Atlantic. NEE will deposit the funds with Powerweb within ten (10) business days after execution of this agreement. Allocation and use of the funds will be subject to the sole approval of NEE in advance. If Bell Atlantic does not proceed with the project [sic] unused funds will be allocated to joint development of other opportunities. These development funds will be repaid from the first project payments made by Bell Atlantic to either PWT or to NEE. The specific form of repayment will be determined and agreed upon with both parties before final contract negotiations with Bell Atlantic.

28. Denied.

29. Denied.

30. Denied.

31. Denied.

32. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against NewEnergy, and award Powerweb its costs of suit and such other relief as this Court deems proper.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

33. The Amended Complaint fails, in whole or in part, to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because NewEnergy has failed to perform its obligations under the Joint-Venture Agreement.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by NewEnergy's breach of its duty of good faith and fair dealing.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by NewEnergy's breach of its fiduciary duty to Powerweb.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by NewEnergy's fraud.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by NewEnergy's breach of the Confidentiality Agreement described in Powerweb's Counterclaim below.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrine of recoupment and/or set-off.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by estoppel and/or waiver.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

41. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrine of unclean hands.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

42. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrine of laches.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

43. The claims asserted in the Amended Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because it would be inequitable to award the requested relief to NewEnergy.

COUNTERCLAIMS

Powerweb brings these Counterclaims against NewEnergy and avers as follows:

Introduction

44. From 1999 to the present, NewEnergy systematically and improperly procured certain confidential and proprietary information about Powerweb and its business in order to form a business to compete with technology that Powerweb pioneered. Powerweb's technology revolutionized the energy industry and has provided energy suppliers the ability to sell consumers new energy products and energy management services that generate additional revenues in the hundreds of millions of dollars. NewEnergy fraudulently stole Powerweb's confidential and proprietary information and has managed to tortiously interfere with Powerweb's prospective contractual relations with utilities and energy service providers.

Powerweb and the Omni-Link System

45. Powerweb is a privately held corporation based in Media, Pennsylvania. Powerweb is in the business of providing energy trading services to utility companies and energy service providers who, in turn, provide these services to large commercial energy consumers. Powerweb has been engaged in the design, development, installation and operation of information services and control systems for the management of energy consumption for the past thirteen years.

46. In or about 1996, the energy industry was deregulated, opening the door to competition and the development of new ideas and programs to help consumers conserve and manage the consumption of energy in order to save money on energy expenditures.

47. Powerweb immediately saw an opportunity, one that no one else had identified to that date, to utilize untapped electrical resources (through on-site generation or load reduction) to provide significant savings to large commercial energy consumers.

48. Because electricity cannot be stored, all power that is generated must be consumed instantaneously in order to balance and deliver electricity on the grid. Due to the characteristics of electricity, when the temperature rises, electricity becomes difficult to transport over the grid. The constant challenge to balance the grid and meet instantaneous supply and demand requirements has made electricity the most volatile commodity. During high demand periods, the price for each unit can fluctuate as much as 1,000%.

49. Having provided its services to large commercial energy consumers for many years, Powerweb was aware that many of its customers had their own energy resources such as stand-by electrical generation capabilities that were designed to be used during times of emergency. Powerweb set out to design a system that would deploy these resources during high-demand periods and sell back pre-purchased blocks of energy on the energy market through the utility companies or energy service providers when prices for energy are high. The net result is that the consumers and energy suppliers share the resale of this energy and capacity creating a true win-win opportunity.

50. Powerweb developed a three-module system (the "Omni-Link System") that uses (1) patented monitoring and control technology, (2) patented internet-service software, and (3) sophisticated contracting documents, to monitor the price of electricity in the forward energy market, instruct the stand-by generators to turn on, and to accomplish the buy-back and resale transaction of the electricity blocks in the energy market ("energy trading services").

1. Powerweb developed and patented the software internet platform to computerize these energy trading services for large commercial companies and named the software Omni-Link™. By combining the software, its patented monitoring and control technology, and the contracting documents, Powerweb launched the Omni-Link System in 1999 with a pharmaceutical company in Pennsylvania.

52. The pharmaceutical company saved over \$300,000 on its energy consumption in the first year alone using the Omni-Link System.

53. The Omni-Link System provides Powerweb's customers with central control of distributed generation energy resources, load management, real-time energy information and analysis, and integration with commercial building management systems. Powerweb works with utilities, energy marketers, and independent system operators nationwide to use the Omni-Link System to monitor, manage and conserve energy consumption.

54. With the Omni-Link System in place, Powerweb was well-positioned to revolutionize the energy industry because the Omni-Link System offered utility companies, energy service providers, and consumers a unique approach to achieve hundreds of millions of dollars in savings that would otherwise be unrealized. The Omni-Link System was the only one of its kind, and Powerweb took every precaution to protect its proprietary interests in it.

Powerweb Markets Omni-Link to Bell Atlantic

55. On or about March 12, 1999, Powerweb's CEO, Lothar E.S. Budike, Jr., approached the Bell Atlantic Corporation ("Bell Atlantic" n/k/a Verizon) to offer the energy trading services of the Omni-Link System at Bell Atlantic's New Jersey facilities. Powerweb estimated that Bell Atlantic could save as much as 15% on its energy expenditures in the first year.

56. Bell Atlantic was very interested in the Omni-Link System and suggested that Powerweb coordinate with Bell Atlantic's energy supplier, NewEnergy, in order to explore implementation of the Omni-Link System. Bell Atlantic's Real Estate Manager, Jim Goodman, told Powerweb to contact David McGowan at NewEnergy to coordinate the effort.

Powerweb Offers NewEnergy a Joint-Venture Opportunity to Market the Omni-Link System to Bell Atlantic and Other Customers

57. On or about July 15, 1999, Powerweb wrote to David McGowan at New Energy introducing Powerweb and the Omni-Link System and describing Powerweb's relationship with Bell Atlantic.

58. From August through October 1999, Powerweb met with NewEnergy a total of 12 times at its offices in New York City. At the meetings, the parties discussed how the Omni-Link System could be utilized to maximize savings to Bell Atlantic. Powerweb and NewEnergy discussed the possibility of entering into a joint-venture to market the Omni-Link System to Bell Atlantic.

The Confidentiality Agreement

59. NewEnergy insisted on receiving all of the technical information on the Omni-Link System before it would consider whether or not to proceed with the Bell Atlantic project.

60. In order to protect its proprietary interest in the Omni-Link System, in its energy trading and conservation products and services, and in its prospective business relationship with Bell Atlantic and other prospective customers, Powerweb asked New Energy to enter into a broad confidentiality agreement.

61. NewEnergy made certain representations to Powerweb in order to induce Powerweb to provide NewEnergy with its proprietary information regarding the Omni-Link System. NewEnergy stated that it had every intention of proceeding with a joint-venture to market the Omni-Link System to Bell Atlantic and to other customers in the future. NewEnergy also assured Powerweb that it would not attempt to compete with Powerweb or the Omni-Link System.

62. On or about October 11, 1999, NewEnergy entered into a Confidentiality Agreement with Powerweb ("Confidentiality Agreement"). A true and correct copy of the Confidentiality Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

63. The Confidentiality Agreement provides:

WHEREAS, Powerweb Technologies is the legal owner of a number of energy sensing and energy reduction inventions comprised of gas sensing technologies, electronic metering devices, electricity control devices, and electricity consumption devices; and

WHEREAS, Powerweb Technologies is also the legal owner of a patented integrated translation software system (Omni-Link®) which is utilized for energy information transfer, energy procurement, and facility based monitoring. Omni-Link® is comprised of digital sensors,

networking communication protocol, computer server configurations, and a graphical machine-man interface; and

WHEREAS, Powerweb is also the developer of custom “stand-by generation” capacity credit programs which utilize the above mentioned technologies to sell back capacity on the open market as well as leverage energy procurement in deregulated electricity territories; and

WHEREAS, all of these above mentioned technologies, inventions, and energy resale strategies are collectively known as “Energy Technology.”

64. The Confidentiality Agreement prohibits NewEnergy from disclosing any “Energy Technology” information to any third-party and also prohibits NewEnergy from using any of the “Energy Technology” information for any purpose whatsoever without the prior written approval of Powerweb. Thus, the Confidentiality Agreement specifically prohibits NewEnergy from using the information it received in its confidential relationship with Powerweb to start a rival business to compete with Powerweb and the Omni-Link System. The term of the Confidentiality Agreement is ten (10) years.

65. With the Confidentiality Agreement in place, Powerweb proceeded to disclose the technical details of the Omni-Link System to NewEnergy in order to proceed with the development of the proposed Bell Atlantic project. Powerweb provided New Energy’s technical analyst, Mr. Kirk Hampton, with a series of documents that described every aspect of the Omni-Link System. This included infrastructure diagrams, patent applications, internet architecture diagrams, proprietary information on the metering technology, internet protocol information and other confidential information. At the time of each submission, Powerweb emphasized the importance of the confidential relationship and reminded NewEnergy of its obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement.

The Contracting Documents

66. One of the most significant cost-savings programs Powerweb offered to Bell Atlantic involved the resale of electricity from Bell Atlantic back to the energy grid through the internet (“reserve capacity sales”). Bell Atlantic was able to realize significant cost-savings through that program by utilizing its own electrical generation resources during high-demand time periods.

67. In order to implement the cost savings program at Bell Atlantic, NewEnergy needed to be able to resell unused blocks of energy from Bell Atlantic to its other energy consumers.

68. Powerweb, having implemented this reserve capacity sales program at other commercial facilities, had already spent an enormous amount of time and money developing a program to implement a buy-back and resale of electricity in the energy market. After extensive research and development, Powerweb authored the contracts necessary to achieve a resale of electricity in the energy market while ensuring that the concept satisfied all of the applicable government regulations. This contracting information was extremely confidential and proprietary.

69. NewEnergy insisted on receiving the contracting and regulatory information from Powerweb in order to satisfy itself of the viability of this unique concept and facilitate the development of the Bell Atlantic project. NewEnergy stated that it required the information to revise its current agreements with end-use customers to allow for the resale of the electricity and to ensure that the project met all of the regulatory guidelines.

70. Again, NewEnergy stated that it had no intention of competing with Powerweb or the Omni-Link System.

The Letter Agreement

71. Powerweb requested that NewEnergy sign a written letter agreement. On or about October 25, 1999, NewEnergy signed a written letter agreement memorializing the parties' intent to proceed with a joint-venture to market the project to Bell Atlantic ("Letter Agreement"). A true and correct copy of the Letter Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

72. The Letter Agreement provides, in part:

[NewEnergy] acknowledges that [Powerweb] brought the concept of reserve capacity sales to the PJM to [NewEnergy] and agrees not to independently pursue this opportunity in the telecommunications industry (specifically Bell Atlantic). In addition, [NewEnergy] agrees to maintain all confidentiality obligations detailed in the executed non-disclosure agreement.

73. After the Letter Agreement was signed, Powerweb provided NewEnergy with the proprietary contracting and regulatory information it had requested.

The Joint-Venture Agreement

74. After some negotiation, on January 7, 2000, Powerweb and NewEnergy executed an exclusive agreement to market the Bell Atlantic project ("Joint-Venture Agreement"). A true and correct copy of the Joint-Venture Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

75. The Joint-Venture Agreement reemphasized the importance of the Confidentiality Agreement and specifically prohibited NewEnergy from independently pursuing business opportunities for the reserve capacity sale of electricity.

The Joint-Marketing Agreement

76. On or about January 8, 2000, Powerweb and NewEnergy entered into a joint-marketing agreement whereby the parties agreed to jointly market the Omni-Link System to NewEnergy's customers throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland ("Joint-Marketing Agreement"). A true and correct copy of the Joint-Marketing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

NewEnergy Authorizes Powerweb to Spend the \$100,000 Pursuant to the Joint-Venture Agreement

77. On February 3, 2000, NewEnergy instructed Powerweb to begin development of the detailed project implementation plan for the Bell Atlantic project immediately.

78. On or about February 7, 2000, Powerweb outlined the specific tasks that would be undertaken to develop the Bell Atlantic project implementation plan. Powerweb notified NewEnergy that the necessary tasks could easily cost more than the initial \$100,000 allocated for the development of the plan.

NewEnergy Makes Its Presentation to Bell Atlantic Without Notifying Powerweb

79. On or about February 25, 2000, NewEnergy, without contacting or consulting Powerweb, provided Bell Atlantic with an initial proposal for the project.

80. Upon information and belief, NewEnergy provided Bell Atlantic with the official final proposal sometime in April 2000. Again, Powerweb was not notified, consulted or even given a copy of the proposal to review.

81. Powerweb provided New Energy with the necessary engineering documentation in order to prepare the final proposal to Bell Atlantic. At this time, Powerweb's

development costs associated with Omni-Link and the Bell Atlantic project had already exceeded \$100,000.

82. On or about May 15, 2000, NewEnergy notified Powerweb that Bell Atlantic had decided not to implement the project in 2000, but would be implementing it in the summer of 2001. NewEnergy reassured Powerweb that it had every intention of pursuing the Bell Atlantic project as a joint-venture.

Powerweb Discovers That NewEnergy Stole the Omni-Link System Technology and Is Attempting to Compete with the Omni-Link System in the Energy Industry

83. In or around, October 2000, Powerweb discovered that NewEnergy was using the "Energy Technology" by marketing Powerweb's energy trading concepts to customers throughout New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania in direct violation of the Confidentiality Agreement, the Letter Agreement, the Joint-Venture Agreement and the Join-Marketing Agreement.

84. NewEnergy made an investment in a technology company to develop software similar to the Omni-Link software.

85. NewEnergy purchased its own metering company to provide services to those by the Omni-Link System

86. Upon information and belief, NewEnergy developed its own capacity resale product to compete with the Omni-Link System.

87. In direct breach of the Confidentiality Agreement, the Letter Agreement, the Joint-Venture Agreement, and the Joint-Marketing Agreement, NewEnergy used its confidential relationship with Powerweb to gather as much information as possible about the "Energy Technology," Powerweb's business, and the Omni-Link System in order to secretly commence a rival business to compete with Powerweb.

88. Upon information and belief, NewEnergy never intended to honor its obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement, the Letter Agreement, the Joint-Venture Agreement, or the Joint-Marketing Agreement. Instead, NewEnergy intentionally and successfully concealed its abuse of its position of trust with Powerweb to start a competing business using the "Energy Technology" information.

89. Upon information and belief, NewEnergy fraudulently misrepresented its intentions to proceed in this business with Powerweb in a joint-venture. At all times material hereto, NewEnergy intended to breach the Confidentiality Agreement in order to compete with Powerweb and the Omni-Link system. NewEnergy intentionally concealed its misconduct from Powerweb.

90. Upon information and belief, NewEnergy has improperly shared some or all of the "Energy Technology" information with numerous third-parties that have used the information to compete with Powerweb and the Omni-Link System.

91. Upon information and belief, Powerweb has lost profits in an amount exceeding \$100,000,000 as a direct result of NewEnergy's misconduct described above.

NewEnergy Steals the Bell Atlantic Project

92. In or around the Summer of 2001, Bell Atlantic notified Powerweb that it had entered into a contract with NewEnergy in which NewEnergy was to provide services almost identical to those offered by Powerweb and the Omni-Link System. NewEnergy had stolen Powerweb's proprietary information and prospective business relationship with Bell Atlantic.

93. Powerweb has a clear right to permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information and/or other confidential and proprietary

information about Powerweb's reserve capacity sales business and the Omni-Link System to third-parties.

94. Powerweb will suffer irreparable harm if NewEnergy is not permanently enjoined from disclosing or using such information described above.

95. Upon information and belief, NewEnergy is holding property (the profits it has improperly received using the "Energy Technology" information it procured from Powerweb) subject to an equitable duty to convey such property to Powerweb.

96. NewEnergy will be unjustly enriched if permitted to retain said property.

97. NewEnergy's conduct was deliberate, malicious, wanton and outrageous, and Powerweb is therefore entitled to an award of punitive damages.

COUNT I
(Breach of Contract)

98. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 97.

99. The Confidentiality Agreement is a valid enforceable contract.

100. Powerweb has complied with all of its obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement.

101. NewEnergy has breached its obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement by improperly disclosing the "Energy Technology" information and other confidential and proprietary information about Powerweb's reserve capacity sales business and the Omni-Link System technology to third-parties and by using the "Energy Technology" information and confidential and proprietary information for its own use without Powerweb's prior written approval.

102. Powerweb has suffered damages as a result of NewEnergy's breach of the Confidentiality Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT II
(Breach of Contract)

103. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 102.

104. The Letter Agreement is a valid enforceable contract.

105. Powerweb has complied with all of its obligations under the Letter Agreement.

106. NewEnergy has breached its obligations under the Letter Agreement by improperly competing with Powerweb and the Omni-Link System in direct violation of the contract.

107. Powerweb has suffered damages as a result of NewEnergy's breach of the Letter Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT III
(Breach of Contract)

108. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 107.

109. The Joint-Venture Agreement is a valid enforceable contract.

110. Powerweb has complied with all of its obligations under the Joint-Venture Agreement.

111. NewEnergy has breached its obligations under the Joint-Venture Agreement by improperly competing with Powerweb and the Omni-Link System in direct violation of the contract.

112. Powerweb has suffered damages as a result of NewEnergy's breach of the Joint-Venture Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT IV
(Breach of Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

113. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 112.

114. NewEnergy owed a duty to Powerweb to perform its obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement, the Letter Agreement, and the Joint-Venture Agreement and to conduct itself in accordance with the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing.

115. NewEnergy breached its duty of good faith and fair dealing to Powerweb by, among other things, using the joint-venture to procure certain confidential, proprietary information from Powerweb in order to design its own software system to compete with the Omni-Link System in the reserve capacity sales market.

116. As a direct result of NewEnergy's breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Powerweb has suffered damages.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, that the Court grant the equitable remedy of a constructive trust in favor of Powerweb and against NewEnergy, in an amount equal to the amount by which NewEnergy has been unjustly enriched by its misconduct, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT V
(Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

117. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 116.

118. Pursuant to the Joint-Venture Agreement, NewEnergy owed a fiduciary duty to Powerweb to protect Powerweb's confidential proprietary interest in the Omni-Link System, Powerweb's unique position in the reserve capacity sales market, and Powerweb's prospective contractual relations with Bell Atlantic and other commercial energy consumers.

119. NewEnergy breached its fiduciary duty to Powerweb by improperly utilizing its position of trust with Powerweb to procure certain confidential proprietary information about the reserve capacity sale of electricity and the Omni-Link System.

120. NewEnergy used the confidential proprietary information to develop a software system to compete with Omni-Link and to interfere with Powerweb's existing and prospective economic relationships with commercial energy consumers.

121. NewEnergy also used the confidential proprietary information to develop a project with Bell Atlantic for the reserve capacity sale of electricity. NewEnergy did so with the specific intent of excluding Powerweb from the project in order to realize more profit for itself.

122. Powerweb has suffered damages as a direct result of NewEnergy's breach of fiduciary duty.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with punitive damages, interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, that the Court grant the equitable remedy of a constructive trust in favor of Powerweb and against NewEnergy, in an amount equal to the amount by which NewEnergy has been unjustly enriched by its misconduct, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT VI
(Fraudulent Misrepresentation)

123. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 122.

124. Prior to entering into the Confidentiality Agreement, the Letter Agreement, and the Joint-Venture Agreement, NewEnergy made repeated numerous representations to Powerweb concerning its intention to proceed with a joint-venture with

Powerweb, its acknowledgment that Powerweb had pioneered the reserve capacity sales idea, and that NewEnergy did not intend to compete with Powerweb or the Omni-Link System.

125. These representations were material to each of the transactions.

126. NewEnergy made these representations knowing that the representations were false and with the specific intent to induce Powerweb to provide NewEnergy with the details of the proposed Bell Atlantic project, the reserve capacity sales market, the "Energy Technology," and the patented Omni-Link System.

127. Powerweb believes and therefore avers that NewEnergy's representations were false when it made them to Powerweb and that NewEnergy was aware of their falsity.

128. Justifiably relying on these representations, Powerweb entered into the Confidentiality Agreement, the Letter Agreement, and the Joint-Venture Agreement and provided NewEnergy with the "Energy Technology" information and certain other confidential proprietary information about the reserve capacity sales market, the Omni-Link System, and the Bell Atlantic project.

129. NewEnergy used the "Energy Technology" information and the confidential proprietary information to compete with Powerweb and the Omni-Link System in the reserve capacity sales market and to otherwise tortiously interfere with Powerweb's prospective contractual relations with Bell Atlantic and other commercial energy consumers.

130. Powerweb has suffered damages as a direct result of NewEnergy's fraudulent conduct.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with punitive damages, interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems

appropriate, that the Court grant the equitable remedy of a constructive trust in favor of Powerweb and against NewEnergy, in an amount equal to the amount by which NewEnergy has been unjustly enriched by its misconduct, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT VII
(Misappropriation of Trade Secrets)

131. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 130.

132. Through its fraudulent and other tortious conduct described above, NewEnergy improperly procured trade secrets from Powerweb about the "Energy Technology," the reserve capacity sale of electricity, and the Omni-Link System.

133. NewEnergy improperly used the confidence reposed in it by Powerweb to obtain the proprietary information necessary for it to advance a rival business interest and to otherwise interfere with Powerweb's existing and prospective business relationships with Bell Atlantic and other commercial energy consumers.

134. Powerweb has suffered damages as a direct result of NewEnergy's possession, disclosure and use of the trade secrets.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with punitive damages, interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, that the Court grant the equitable remedy of a constructive trust in favor of Powerweb and against NewEnergy, in an amount equal to the amount by which NewEnergy has been unjustly enriched by its misconduct, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT VIII
(Tortious Interference With Prospective Contractual Relations)

135. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 134.

136. Because Powerweb had pioneered the reserve capacity sales business and had developed the patented Omni-Link System, Powerweb was in a unique position to provide many large commercial energy consumers with enormous savings on their energy consumption.

137. Powerweb had several prospective contractual relations with Bell Atlantic and other commercial energy consumers in which Powerweb could provide them with the benefits of the Omni-Link System.

138. NewEnergy purposefully and improperly obtained certain confidential proprietary information about the reserve capacity sales business and the Omni-Link System from Powerweb with the intention of interfering with Powerweb's prospective contractual relations with Bell Atlantic and other commercial energy consumers. NewEnergy's sole purpose was to interfere with Powerweb's prospective contractual relations.

139. NewEnergy was not privileged or justified in its intention to interfere with Powerweb's prospective contractual relations.

140. Powerweb has suffered actual legal damages as a direct result of NewEnergy's tortious conduct.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with punitive damages, interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, that the Court grant the equitable remedy of a constructive trust in favor of Powerweb and against NewEnergy, in an amount equal to the amount by which NewEnergy has

been unjustly enriched by its misconduct, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

COUNT IX
(Unfair Competition)

141. Powerweb incorporates here by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 140.

142. NewEnergy diverted business from Powerweb by means of its fraudulent misrepresentations and through the wrongful use of the "Energy Technology" and other confidential information.

143. By way of its misconduct described above, NewEnergy has engaged in unfair competition with Powerweb.

144. NewEnergy's unfair competition has resulted in actual legal damages to Powerweb.

WHEREFORE, Powerweb demands that judgment be entered in its favor in an amount to be determined at trial, currently believed to be at least \$100,000,000, together with punitive damages, interest, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate, that the Court grant the equitable remedy of a constructive trust in favor of Powerweb and against NewEnergy, in an amount equal to the amount by which NewEnergy has been unjustly enriched by its misconduct, and that the Court permanently enjoin NewEnergy from using or disclosing the "Energy Technology" information to third-parties.

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